BILL: **F2016-SB2**

TITLE: **J-Term Workshop Fund**

SPONSOR: **Karina Toy, SGA President**

DATE: **November 6, 2016**

Whereas all students should be able to enjoy the various quirky activities that make J-Term so special,

Whereas J-Term workshops can be cost preventive to some students on campus,

Whereas the Middlebury College Student Government Administration acknowledges that this is just a pilot program, and hopes that this will provide a foundation for giving student scholarships in the years to come,

Whereas the average cost of a J-term workshop is $33.50 this year,

Therefore, be it enacted…

That, the SGA set aside $2,500 of the SGA budget for a 2017 J-Term Workshop Fund. For this pilot program, the fund can only be applied to J-Term Workshops and not to PE classes.

That, this fund will be advertised and managed in the following manner:

- An email will be sent out to all students advertising the J-Term Workshops booklet, as well as announcing the pilot program of grants for students who have the highest financial need (an estimated family contribution between $0 and $12,000, which is approximately 15% of the student body).
- This email will not explicitly advertise the amount set aside by the SGA, but will contain a link to a secure form for students who are applying and hosted by the Student Activities Office.
- The Student Activities Office will then work with Student Financial Services to verify financial need and allocate the funds.
- In order to maintain confidentiality, SGA will never see the names of students who apply for or receive aid. This will all be handled by staff in the Student Activities Office.

That, this fund will be allocated in the following manner:

- The fund will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- The Student Activities Office will allocate the funds aiming to distribute approximately $2,000, with an extra flexibility of $500 if they determine that would be appropriate.
- Students will be notified if they have received aid before the Winter Term Workshop registration date (November 27th).

- Funds will be distributed to students in the most efficient manner as determined by the Student Activities Office, the SGA President, and the SGA Treasurer.

That, after the fund has been distributed, the Student Activities Office will work closely with the SGA President and Treasurer to assess the impact of the program and discuss ways to improve it for next year.

That, the SGA Treasurer will add a line item for the J-Term Workshop fund to the yearly SGA budget. The amount of this item will be assessed by the SGA President and SGA Treasurer and approved by the SGA Senate at the end of the school year.

Respectfully submitted,

Karina Toy, SGA President

Vote Count

In favor:	President Toy, Co-chair Pesqueira, Speaker Lantigua, Senator Cohen, Senator Waddell, Senator Schoel, Senator Aaron, Senator Goldfield, Senator Hayes, Senator Ou, Senator Wright, Senator Andrews, Senator McCormick, Senator McCarthy
Opposed:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	Senator Boyle, Senator Duran

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